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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC PRUNING OF SEARCH ENGINE INDICES

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for pruning search engine indices. A notification is received from a client browser that a Web page retrieval error occurred for a Web page or that the Web page no longer contains selected keywords. In response to receiving the notification, the Web page is automatically deleted from the search engine indices. This automatic deletion may occur upon receiving the notice from the browser or after receiving some threshold number of notifications from browsers.